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SUBJECT: MALAGASY DELEGATION LEAVES FOR CONFERENCE OF SOUTHWEST  
INDIAN OCEAN PROGRESSIVE FORCES

REF: VICTORIA 0353

1. MALAGASY DELEGATION LEFT ANTANANARIVO ON APRIL 26. TO  
ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE WHICH BEGINS IN VICTORIA ON APRIL  
27. IN KEEPING WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL NATURE OF CONFERENCE  
MALAGASY DELEGATION IS BILLED AS REPRESENTING NATIONAL FRONT  
FOR DEFENSE OF REVOLUTION (NFDR) WHICH GROUPS THE ONLY  
POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN PRESENT DAY  
MADAGASCAR. PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION, OFFICIAL  
POSITIONS, AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
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ARSENE RATSIFEHERA, MEMBER OF SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL,  
REPRESENTING PRO-SOVIET AKFM PARTY, CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION;  
CHRISTIAN REMY RICHARD, FOREIGN MINISTER, REPRESENTING  
PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S AREMA PARTY; LAURENT RADAODY RAKOTON-  
DRAVAO, DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA,  
REPRESENTING AREMA. OTHER MEMBERS REPRESENT THE SMALLER  
POLITICAL GROUPS IN NFDR, NAMELY THE FAR LEFT MFM, THE

MODERATE VONJY, THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN UDECMA AND THE PRO-GOVERNMENT BREAKAWAY FACTION OF THE PRO-CHINESE MONIMA.

2. PRESS BULLETIN REPORTS THAT FOLLOWING DELEGATES OF OTHER AREAS LEFT MADAGASCAR ON THE SAME AIRCRAFT: ENOS MALANDU OF ZAPU, LYAMBO NESTOR OF SWAPO, KENGSLY XUMA OF THE ANC, ELIE HOARAU OF THE AUTONOMIST YOUTH FRONT OF REUNION, AND MAURICE VERGES, SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF REUNION.

3. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE MALAGASY DELEGATION LEADER RATSIFEHERA SAID THAT MADAGASCAR ATTENDING MEETING BECAUSE IT WANTS TO REINFORCE AND UNIFY THE FORCES STRUGGLING AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND THAT PLO MIGHT ATTEND THE MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTER RICHARD SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VISIT TO DISCUSS AIR CONNECTIONS WITH SEYCHELLES AND COOPERATION AMONG PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES OF SW INDIAN OCEAN.

4. HOARAU OF REUNION SAID THAT OTHER REUNIONITES PRESENT WOULD BE A DELEGATION OF CHRISTIAN WITNESSES, AND MR. PAYET BRUNY, HEAD OF THE CGTR WHO WAS COMING FROM PRAGUE. FRONT OF RADICAL LEFTIST MOVEMENTS OF REUNION WOULD ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. BARRETT

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